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has been carefully sifted on the lines so well begun by Mr Sherborn in his 'Index Animalium.'

Some errors are apparent in the 'Index' that might have been avoided had it been practicable to circulate proof-sheets among specialists for correction. Among the bird names we note *Agropsa*, for *Agropsar*; *Arguata*, for *Arquata*; *Eubates*, for *Eribates*; *Megaquiscalis*, for *Megaquiscalus*; *Perenopterus*, for *Percnopterus*; and *Conuropsis* is credited to Hasbrouck, instead of Salvadori.— C. W. R.

Ornithological Magazines. 'The Osprey.'— With the number for January, 1902, 'The Osprey'[1] entered upon Volume I of its 'New Series' (Vol. VI of the whole series). Up to January, 1903, however, only six numbers had appeared; another has since been printed but apparently has not been issued. The January number contains: 'The California Jay (*Aphelocoma californica*); some of its habits and characteristics,' by D. A. Cohen; 'Random and Reminiscent Maine Bird Notes,' by W. C. Kendall (on the decrease of birds in Maine during the last twenty years, and advocating more stringent bird protection); 'August Birds of Stony Man Mountain, Virginia,' by William Palmer; 'Life and Ornithological Labors of Sir John Richardson,' compiled by Theodore Gill (with portrait of Richardson). Reviews of Lucas's 'Animals of the Past (illustrated)' and of Macoun's 'Catalogue of Canadian Birds' complete the regular text, to which is added, as a separately-paged supplement, 'General History of Birds,' Chapter I (pp. 1–4), treating of 'The English Names,' and 'The Birds' Place in Nature.'

The February number has: 'Notes on the Habits of the Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) in the Vicinity of Washington, D. C.,' by J. H. Riley (nest illustrated); 'Rambles about my Old Home,' by Milton S. Ray (at San Mateo, Cal., contrasting present conditions with those of eighteen years ago); 'The Mocking Bird at Home,' by F. H. Knowlton; 'Reminiscent and Random Maine Bird Notes,' by W. C. Kendall (continued from Jan. number); 'Professor Alfred Newton, F. R. S.,' by Dr. R. W. Shufeldt (with portrait). Reviews of Ridgway's 'Birds of North and Middle America,' Part I, and Herrick's 'The Home Life of Wild Birds' (with sample illustrations), complete the regular text, with pp. 5–12 of 'The General History of Birds,' containing 'Characters of the

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Class,' the 'General Characters of Birds,' and the beginning of the 'Plumage of Birds,' the latter by Dr. Hubert Lyman Clark.

The March number contains: 'Notes on some Yellow-throated Vireo's Nests,' by William R. Maxon; 'The Birds of the Marianne Islands and their Vernacular Names.—I,' by W. E. Safford; 'Notes on McCown's Longspur in Montana,' by P. M. Silloway; 'The Carib Grassquit (*Euetheia bicolor omissa*),' by B. S. Bowdish; 'Board and Lodging for Birds'; 'An Albino Vesper Sparrow,' by R. W. Williams, Jr.; 'The Thick-billed Redwing, a new bird record for Iowa, by [P.] Bartsch; 'Biographical Notice of John Cassin,' by Theodore Gill. Brief obituaries of Hugh Alexander Macpherson and Alpheus Hyatt complete the number, to which are added pp. 13, 14 of the 'General History of Birds.'

The April number has: 'The Feeding Habits of the Coot and other Water Birds,' by Barton Warren Evermann, and 'The Birds of the Marianne Islands and their Vernacular Names, by W. E. Safford (continued from March number). Pages 15–20 of the 'General History of Birds' are added, treating of 'Moulting or Molting,' by William Palmer. A half-tone frontispiece gives portraits of John Cassin, Thomas Wilson (two views), and George A. McCall. There is a short note on each of the two latter on p. 96 of the June number, and a biographical notice of the first in the March number (pp. 50–53).

The May number contains: 'Winter Water Fowl of the Des Moines Rapids,' by Ed. S. Currier; 'The Destruction of Birds by Lighthouses,' by Bernard J. Bretherton; and 'The Porto Rican Pewee (*Blacicus blancoi*), by B. S. Bowdish. There is a further installment (pp. 21–26) of the 'General History of Birds,' being the beginning of 'Chapter II, General Anatomy,' by Dr. R. W. Shufeldt.

The June number contains: 'The Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*),' by Albert Franklin Ganier; 'Recent Views of the Sable Island or Ipswich Sparrow,' by W. E. Saunders; and 'Northern Parula Warbler,' by J. Merton Swain. Also pp. 27–34 of the 'General History of Birds,' continuing the chapter on 'General Anatomy.'

The July number (so far as we know not yet—Sept. 15, 1903—distributed to subscribers, although printed some months ago) contains 'Notes on Birds of the Pribilof Islands,' by Dr. D. W. Prentiss, Jr.; 'A Study of the Genus *Perisoreus*,' by Reginald Heber Howe, Jr.; 'The Cerulean Warbler, a Summer Resident near Washington,' by William R. Maxon; 'Notice of Dr. James G. Cooper,' by William H. Dall, copied from 'Science (only part here published and marked 'to be continued'); and pp. 35–42 of the General History of Birds.' A frontispiece half-tone illustrates the 'Mississippi Kite and Nest,' and there is a portrait of the late Dr. J. G. Cooper.

'The Osprey,' never a model in promptness of publication, has of late fallen far below its usual standard, the last number bearing date July, 1902. We certainly hope this does not indicate its permanent demise, for it has always been a useful Journal and is already greatly missed.—J. A. A.